

# Sherdukpen language

**Sherdukpen** (autonym: **Mey**) is a small language of India. It is one of the Kho-Bwa languages.<sup>[3]</sup> There are two distinct varieties, Mey of Shergaon and Mey of Rupa. The name *Sherdukpen* comes from the words Shergaon and *Tukpen* (the Monpa name for Rupa) (Blench & Post 2011:3). The language is known to speakers as *Mey nyuk*.

## Dialects

Lieberherr & Bodt (2017)<sup>[4]</sup> list the following dialects of Sherdukpen.

- **Rupa**: spoken in Rupa village and two other main villages, as well as nearby hamlets. Likely around 3,000 speakers.
- **Shergaon**: spoken in Shergaon village. Likely around 1,500 speakers.

## Locations

Sherdukpen is spoken in Shergaon, southern West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh (Dondrup 1988), located in the Tengapani river valley south of Bomdila.

*Ethnologue* lists Rupa (Kupa), Sheinthuk (Shergaon), Jigang (Jigaon), and Thungree villages, located south of Bomdi La Range and Tengapani river valleys in West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.

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Sherdukpen	
	Mey
	Ngnok
Region	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh
Ethnicity	Sherdukpen people
Native speakers	3,100 (2001) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Possibly Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Kho-Bwa<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mey–Sartang<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Sherdukpen</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Dialects	Shergaon Rupa
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sdp
Glottolog	sher1257 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/oid/id/sher1257">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/oid/id/sher1257</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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